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## ARRL Seeks Comment On Draft "Bandwidth" Petition

The ARRL wants members' comments on a planned petition to the FCC seeking to regulate amateur subbands by bandwidth rather than by mode. The ARRL Board of Directors adopted the petition's guiding principle--to create a regulatory environment more accommodating to newer technologies--two years ago, and it wrapped up its review of a draft petition in late July.

"The main objective is to make appropriate provision for digital modes in the HF amateur bands, while preserving amateurs' prerogatives to use the traditional modes," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "Regulation by Bandwidth" is the title of Sumner's "It Seems to Us . . ." editorial in September QST.

The draft petition represents expert input from the ARRL Ad Hoc HF Digital Committee. ARRL staff also provided an interim report, and the Board reviewed a draft petition when it met last January. An ARRL Executive Committee review followed. The EC decided to make a synopsis and explanation of the petition available to ARRL members before it goes to the FCC.

"The regulation of emission modes in Amateur Radio Service allocations is a limiting factor with respect to Amateur Radio experimentation," the petition synopsis concludes. "It leads to

attempts to put new technology into a regulatory framework that was designed only to deal with older analog emissions." To implement digital technologies, an underlying assumption of the League's draft petition is to provide for an intermediate bandwidth--between what's needed for the legacy CW and phone modes--in the middle of certain bands.

As drafted, the ARRL's bandwidth petition would preserve double-sideband AM unchanged, but it would stop short of opening the phone bands to digital and other modes of the same bandwidth.

FCC rules now permit RTTY and data emissions throughout the HF CW subbands, although informal agreements typically keep RTTY and data signals out of those parts of the CW band generally used for CW. The ARRL's petition proposes to limit bandwidth in the CW subbands to 200 Hz, which also will accommodate data modes such as PSK31.

In addition, the League's proposal would limit bandwidth in the existing "RTTY/data subbands" to either 500 Hz or 3 kHz, with phone emissions specifically prohibited in certain subbands where 3 kHz would be permitted. Under the proposal, these would include 3650-3725, 7100-7125, 14,100-14,150 and 21,150-21,200 kHz.

"The reason for this is to encourage the development of high-

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Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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## President's Corner



August has now come and gone and Fall will be here soon; but before we look forward let's review August. August was another busy month for the Fort Wayne Radio Club.

We had the annual tailgate hamfest on Friday the 20th. It didn't seem very much like August with the cool temperatures and day long rain-fall. As always we had the hall reserved as a backup plan; so we moved the "tailgates" inside to the tables. This is the first year we have had to move inside. Attendance was down a little, but was good; and we had a great evening. We had a surprise treat at the hamfest; a visit from Gennadij Khonin, UN7QF, from Kazakhstan. He was spending some time at Concordia Seminary and Julian Franke, W9TQA, was able to bring him to the meeting. What a special opportunity. That is one of the special parts of Amateur Radio!



August 28th was this year's date for the Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken sale fundraiser. We had a much busier location this year. We were at the Wal-Mart at Coldwater Crossing off Coldwater Road. As expected we did much better this year. We expect to continue to learn and improve this fundraiser. The only disappointment for me personally this year was that we did not get much support from the amateur community. We saw a lot more amateurs at last year's chicken sale. But we do want to thank those that did come out and support us. I certainly hope we see more of you next year. We made up for the lack of amateur support with the additional traffic at Coldwater Crossing. We do have a little over 100 halves of chicken left. Like last year, we put the leftover chicken in a freezer and it is available at \$4 per half while supplies last. I have already sold another 14 halves in the two days since the sale, so it probably will not last long.

The September General Meeting will be Friday September 17th at the church. Steve Nardin will give a presentation on his visit to one of the top VHF/UHF contesting stations during one of their major contests in June. He will have pictures and other valuable information so make sure you are there at 7:00 PM.

Speaking about September, we need to start thinking about nominations for the 2005 Fort Wayne Radio Club board. We have quite a few slots filled already but we are still taking nominations right up until elections in October. If you are interested please let one of the board members know.

We also have a couple of walk-a-thons in September. As far as I know we still need volunteers for both of those walks. Be listening on the IMO net and to the FWRC repeater messages for more information.

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**September Meeting**  
**Friday, Sep. 17, 7:00 PM**  
**Program: VHF/UHF**  
**Contesting Stations by**  
**Steve Nardin**



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We are still finalizing the way we want the new "94" repeater controller. If there are features that you would like changed; please don't complain to other amateurs on the air. Instead, let one of the board members know what changes you would like to see.

See you at the September meeting!

Tom / N9TB

**FWRC Chicken Sale Pictures**



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## President's Message



Last month was our annual Family Picnic. We had a small but fun group attend. Those who came enjoyed good food and conversation. I would like to thank Jim and Corrine Boyer for once again hosting the picnic.

Last Saturday, I went to the open house at the National Weather Service in North Webster. They had a good turnout with about 1,000 people going through their facility. It was a chance to see how much things have changed since they acquired the new Doppler radar. I remember when the NWS office was in Fort Wayne. The office on the second floor of the terminal building was small. The radar was in a small room that was totally dark so you could see the green screen. You could stop the radar beam to look into the storm, and you just might be able to detect the hook echo of a tornado. The new office is spacious and makes use of many color monitors, and they can monitor many sources at the same time. The new Doppler radar can give them more information than the old system did. The most interesting room in the building was their break-room that has a dual purpose. It also serves as a storm shelter in the event a tornado is approaching. It was the first room built when construction was started on their new building. The walls and ceiling are 12 inches thick, and it has a two inch thick solid steel door. They gave away several door prizes, one of them a "day with a weather forecaster" where you got to spend an entire shift with the weather service. I would have liked to win that, but I have not heard anything, so I guess that I did not win. In case you are wondering if the open house interfered with them being able to do their jobs, the NWS office in Indianapolis took over watch du-

ties during the open house.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest is approaching very soon (November 13th and 14th. If you helped during last year's Hamfest, you should be hearing from your area manager about help-

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## Meeting Schedule

New meeting location: Salvation Army Center, 2901 N Clinton St. (See Map)

**ACARTS Sep. Meeting:** Tue, Sep 21  
Program: TBA

**Next Board Meeting:** 9/14/04  
All members are encouraged to attend.





### Aug. 2004 ACART Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

He announced that the club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2004, at the home of Jim, KB9IH.

He said that the club property had been moved to a smaller storage unit. Many older, unused items were discarded and some larger items were stored elsewhere.

Howard, N9ADS, said that that the club had made a \$25.00 donation to the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church as a memorial to Bill Hall, WD9HII, SK.

He stated that hamfest table sales were about average for this time before the hamfest.

Jim, KB9IH, said that Carl, K9LA, had contacted Dick, W9GIG, the ARRL Central Division Director, regarding ARRL representation at the hamfest. He also said that less hamfest flyers are being printed this year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Howard, N9ADS and seconded by Vic, WB9UZA. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

### ACARTS Picnic Pictures



# FWDXA

## Ft Wayne DX Association

### **DXing Can Be Hazardous to Your Health** **Carl Luetzelschwab** **K9LA**

I read the DX bulletins with interest when the announcement came that a DXpedition to Aves Island (YVØ) would take place in late July/early August. Although I already had YVØ confirmed on SSB and CW, none of my previous QSOs were on 160 m. So I was hoping they'd do some top-band work.

YVØ is in the Caribbean, about 240 km west of Dominica J7. I figured if the QRN from thunderstorms wasn't too bad, I'd easily have a new one on 160 m.

On the weekend before their operation was to start, I was out cutting the grass. When I was mowing near my 80 m/160 m inverted-L, I noticed that one of the six elevated radials was sagging to the ground. This radial is 130 foot long, and it heads northeast from the bottom of the vertical radiator. It runs through the woods, supported at about 7 feet high by TV twinlead standoffs screwed into a number of trees. By standing on a stepladder at the edge of the dense woods, I could see that a dead limb had fallen on the radial, snapping it into two pieces.

Well, shoot. This isn't good. There are all kinds of shiny green leafy plants growing in the woods, none of which are good for me. So do I say the heck with

YVØ and stay out of the woods, or do I say a new one on 160 m is more important than red splotches on my body?

You can probably guess which way I went. Yep, I put on long pants and a sweatshirt, and went into the woods to splice the broken radial. It didn't take long, as I planned everything in advance to spend as little time in the woods as possible. All in all, it probably took me 10 minutes to do the job. After finishing I immediately took off all my clothes and took a shower, happy in the fact that I was ready for YVØ on 160 m.

The next morning my left eye was a bit swollen, and a couple days later I had little bumps and rashes on my arms, legs, and the back of my neck. If it would have been Halloween, I could have gone trick-or-treating without a costume. Hey, that's a small price to pay for a new one on 160 m.

So did I work YVØ? Yes, on several bands - but not on 160 m. Adding insult to injury, the YVØ team never made it on 160 m. They left the island several days early - before getting up the low band antennas - to avoid a tropical depression that was forecast to run right over the island. In summary, I guess you could say I had an itch to work YVØ and I did scratch the itch - but unfortunately it was the wrong itch that got scratched.



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ing out this year. If you know who your manager was and want to do that job again, you do not have to wait. Just give them a call that you want the same time slot this year. If you are a new ham or new to the area and want to help at the Hamfest, contact Jim Boyer, KB9IH to volunteer. The Hamfest is our fundraiser to support the repeater, and a few organizations that we give support to. It takes a lot of preparation, and people to put on Indiana's largest hamfest.

At the time of writing my message for this month, I did not have a program finalized. Check the website, or listen to the IMO net for details as soon as we have them. That is all I have for this month.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

### **Alexanderson SAQ Station Now On UNESCO World Heritage List**

from *The ARRL Letter* – Alexanderson SAQ station now on UNESCO World Heritage List: Varberg Radio SAQ at Grimeton, Sweden, has been added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List. The only remaining pre-electronic transmitter for transatlantic work, SAQ is maintained in perfect working order. On 2004 Alexanderson Day July 4, the 80-year-old 200 kW Alexanderson alternator--with its multiple-tuned antenna--transmitted a celebration message on 17.2 kHz. The message was copied in Europe and on the East Coast of the US. Return channels included Amateur Radio station SA6Q at the Grimeton site and the Internet. UNESCO said the 1920s-vintage radio station in southern Sweden is an exceptionally well-preserved monument to early transatlantic wireless communication. The site includes the transmitter equipment and its associated antenna system, comprised of six 127-meter (approximately 417 foot) steel towers and staff housing. There's more information on the SAQ Web site <<http://www.alexander.n.se/>>.--Carl Henrik Walde, SM5BF



## Indiana Section News for July 2004

Condolances to the family and friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during July: Thomas Bowen KA9ERC, Donna, TX (formerly of Kokomo), July 4; George Scheuer WB9SCC, South Bend, July 6. They will be missed.

The date for this year's Amateur Radio Awareness Day previously was announced as Saturday September 11. The League has changed it to Saturday September 18. This year there was no particular reason to pick the second rather than the third Saturday, and the second Saturday corresponds with September 11 - a day that will be commemorated for an overreaching reason. While amateur radio played a part in our nation's response to the September 11 attacks, concern has been expressed that by designating September 11 as Amateur Radio Awareness Day, may be perceived as trying to ride the coattails of a national tragedy. At the very least, we may be perceived as insensitive. While the League regrets and apologizes for any confusion that may result, the best course of action at this time is to designate September 18 as Amateur Radio Awareness Day. Please modify any materials or plans accordingly that you have.

The FCC has formalized its policy for issuing an emergency communications declaration (ECD) on Amateur Radio Service frequencies. The policy, which became effective August 2, states that ECDs will be issued for VHF or UHF repeaters - if the licensee consents - or on simplex channels in the 60-meter band. The FCC will not entertain requests to specifically sequester frequencies in other HF bands for emergency traffic only. Past emergency communications declarations - typically issued during weather-related emergencies - have put frequencies on 75 and 40 meters off limits to general use in an affected region. The practice has drawn complaints from members of the amateur community - especially from those well outside the affected region - and from emergency nets, which still experienced QRM.

The FCC said frequencies in other Amateur Service bands - where emergency nets already have been established - may be used during emergencies under the provisions of para 97.101(c). That rules section stipulates that Amateur Service control operators give priority to stations providing emergency communications "at all times and on all frequencies."

Jerry Kutche N9LYA has been working hard in the Central and Southern parts of Indiana to extend the Packet Radio infrastructure. The following stations are now operating on packet: N9POA, Rockville; N9LYA, Mitchell; N9NDS, Cloverdale; WB9FIU, Westport; N9TA, Nashville; and W9OTR, Bedford. For more information on frequencies or how to start your own Packet BBS, please visit: <http://www.w9otr.org>



The July session of the ARES/Emergency net was very short due to extremely poor propagation conditions. For those of you who follow the sunspot activity and its effect on our ionosphere, July has been a very up and down month for propagation on the HF frequencies. The announced CUSEC exercise on July 25 didn't happen due to extremely poor conditions.

**JUST A REMINDER:** The 2-meter FM frequencies that we use are extremely popular and universally used throughout Indiana and all of the U.S. They are THE most publically accessible amateur frequencies that we use. There are literally 100s of thousands of programmable scanners in use by the public, and public service officials. Since almost all amateurs have some type of 2-meter gear and often use it daily, it is easy to forget that anyone, and I do mean ANYONE, besides another amateur could be listening to your local repeater or simplex frequency. That ANYONE, could be an EMA Director, Chief of Police, City/County Councilman, Red Cross Chapter Chairman, the Mayor of your city, Fire Chief, etc.....and the list is unending. I cannot urge you strongly enough to remember that your best amateur radio presence is the one that you need to use on the local repeater. Those citizens who are scanner-wise, will often tune in to the SKYWARN nets during severe weather. The info that trained spotter hams provide is accurate and extremely timely. So, any "cat-calls," derogatory remarks, etc. need to be "verboten" at all times. Even at 3:00 AM, you don't know who might be awake, and be listening to their scanner. 'Nuff said!

James S. Sellers K9ZBM  
Indiana Section Manager

### JULY Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1330/2130	1856	98	1192	59
QIN	3656 KHZ	1430/0000	202	93	871	57
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z	2	0	5	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS	18	REPORTING	1517	27	6238	105
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS	(2)		23	0	??	62

**JULY ORS Traffic Reports:** KJ9J 125, K9PUI 67, KB9TUI 57, K9GBR 52, WA9JWL 42, AB9AA 15, WB9NCE 5, KC9UU 5.

### JULY Public Service Honor Roll Reports

CALLSIGN 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL  
WA9JWL 40 40 10 25 10 0 125



### IRCC Outstanding Amateur of the Year

Nominations for the 2004 IRCC Outstanding Amateur of the Year Award are still be accepted. Deadline for entries is midnight September 30th.

Each year the Indiana Radio Club Council recognizes the Best of the best in Indiana Amateur Radio with the "Indiana Amateur Radio Operator of the Year". If your club or organization has an individual who has gone above and beyond to promote amateur radio send in their name and a complete detailed description of their qualifications.

This outstanding radio operator will be honored during the Ft. Wayne Hamfest in November. Your nominee may be someone who has excelled as an Elmer, organizer, or one of those "unsung" heroes who never gets enough credit for keeping amateur radio alive in your community.

Send a detailed description of their qualifications to the IRCC Amateur of the Year committee no later than September 30, 2004. All nominees will be encouraged to attend the awards ceremony during the Ft. Wayne Hamfest November 20th.

Send your nomination to:

Jack Parker, W8ISH  
IRCC Vice Chairman  
w8ish@arrl.net

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### Packet Revival?

I am part of a group that is reestablishing the packet network. I recently placed a system up in Cloverdale, IN on 2 m and am forwarding with several others on 40 m. We currently have people in the Terre Haute, Cloverdale, and Mitchell, areas running BBS systems. In addition a new station will be on the air in a couple of months from Indianapolis and another has spoken of bringing a system back on line in Noblesville. I am looking for people, clubs, or groups who would be interested in helping to bring this network back up. There is some PC hardware available to help get anyone started. There is also a great group of VERY supportive people to assist. In addition I will do my best to help any end user get up and running with packet. With the advent of the newer sound card digital modes packet is just a click away. If you know of individuals, groups, or clubs that might be interested in helping or using the system as an end user please feel free to forward this on and feel free to contact me. Thanks.

Brad A. Roberson  
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<<http://www.w9otr.org/>>

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er-speed data communications in these subbands by preventing them from becoming de facto 'expanded phone bands.'" Sumner explained.

The new proposals take into account the ARRL's prior "Novice refarming" petition to expand some HF phone bands, included in the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making in WT Docket 04-140.

Amateurs typically won't have to be able to measure the bandwidth of their signals, Sumner says, since the bandwidths proposed are more than sufficient for "clean" signals using traditional HF modes.

The ARRL proposal would eliminate bandwidth restrictions in the 222-225 MHz band--beyond a requirement to keep signals confined within the band.

Sumner encouraged ARRL members to review the synopsis of the petition and the specific rule changes the League plans to propose <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/bandwidth.html>>. Direct questions or comments--favorable or otherwise--via e-mail <[bandwidth@arrl.org](mailto:bandwidth@arrl.org)>. ARRL staff members will respond to any questions, while comments will be forwarded to your ARRL division director. Members also are welcome to comment directly to their ARRL directors <<http://www.arrl.org/divisions/>>, also listed on page 15 in QST.

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### First YA-North America 6-Meter Contact Reported

from *The ARRL Letter* – Well-known EME enthusiast Lance Collister, W7GJ, of Frenchtown, Montana, recently worked Bob Sutton, YA1RS, in Kabul, Afghanistan. It marked the first 6-meter contact between North America and YA. The two stations used JT65A mode via EME. For Collister, it was DXCC entity number 88 on "The Magic Band." Sutton logged the first-ever EME contact between North America and Afghanistan in December when he worked Dave Blaschke, W5UN, on 2-meters.

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### Correction:

from *The ARRL Letter*: Correction: The news brief "FCC expands Universal Licensing System Hotline Support," which appeared *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 23, No 31 (August 6, 2004), the FCC provided an incorrect telephone number for the ULS Technical Support Hotline. The correct toll-free number is 877-480-3201.



## For Sale & Wanted

For Sale: Bob Hire, N9XPB  
Estate Equipment

- Kantronics 9612 Packet TNC--\$40

HF Equipment:

- Yaesu FT-840 HF - \$425

- Astron RS-20A power supply--\$50
- MFJ-941E Versa Tuner II--\$75
- MFJ Econo Tuner II--\$15
- MFJ-1796 Antenna, 2-40 M Vertical--\$100
- Shure 526T Series II Amplified Desk Mike--\$50

2 Meter:

- Yaesu FT-2500 2 meter 50 watt mobile--\$125
- TrippLite 7A power supply--\$20
- Alinco DJ-F1T 2 meter HT, 2.5 watt (5W on 13V), 40 memories, speaker mike, alkaline battery pack, \$100
- MAHA-Rexon RL-115 2 meter HT, 2 watts, 72 memories, 6V and 9.6V, 1000 mahr batteries, \$100
- Yaesu FT-727R Dual Band HT, bad 12 V battery pack, works on external power--\$25.00

Contact N9ADS at 747-5252 or n9ads@juno.com for more info.

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For Sale:

- Power Supply - Astron AS20A (\$40)
- HF rig - Ten Tec Scout, tuner, & 6 band modules (\$400)

Antennas, etc. (\$150 for the lot)

- Cushcraft D3 triband rotatable dipole
- Hustler 6BTV 6 band verticle
- Butternut HF6VX 6 band vertical with roof kit counterpoise
- Assorted cable

Gary Miller - N8WOL, Fort Wayne, IN, n8wol@comcast.net, 260-385-2174

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Free Antenna System: 48 ft. HBX Rohn tower, CDR Rotor, 4 element trapped beam,

Available free. Must safely disassemble and remove.

Located in NE Ft. Wayne. Contact Linda at 493-2888 for additional information.



## Test Points

16-Sep-2004

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG

(574)875-8455

Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

BUILDING A - HAMFEST

GOSHEN, IN 46526

25-Sep-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH

(419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891

03-Oct-2004

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG

(574)875-8455

Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

BUILDING A - HAMFEST

GOSHEN, IN 46526

03-Oct-2004

Sponsor: WABASH RIVER REPEATER ASSN

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: DAN (ADRIAN) K DANIELS

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Email: JUDAN@JAYCO.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: JAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PORTLAND, IN 47371



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## Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
12 Sep 2004	Findlay, OH	419-423-5643	<a href="http://www.findlayradioclub.org">http://www.findlayradioclub.org</a>
18-19 Sep 2004	Grayslake, IL	630-628-1501	<a href="http://www.chicagofmclub.org">http://www.chicagofmclub.org</a>
19 Sep 2004	Adrian, MI	517-263-5407	<a href="http://www.w8tqe.com">http://www.w8tqe.com</a>
3 Oct 2004	Goshen, IN	574-642-4263	<a href="http://www.goshenarc.org/hamfest/">http://www.goshenarc.org/hamfest/</a>
9 Oct. 2004	Lima, OH	419-227-6573	<a href="mailto:NWOARC@nicweb.com">NWOARC@nicweb.com</a>
10 Oct 2004	Kalamazoo, MI	269-665-6421	<a href="http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/khf/">http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/khf/</a>
7 Nov 2004	Benton Harbor, MI	269-429-3629	<a href="mailto:w8mai@comcast.net">w8mai@comcast.net</a>
13-14 Nov 2004	Fort Wayne, IN	260-489-6700	<a href="http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com">http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com</a>

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



## ARMAD NEWS

On August 27, 2004 the Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Group was invited to work a Special Event for the WWII Army Rangers Reunion held at the WWII Victory Museum in Auburn, In.

N9KNJ - Ron, N9HRA - Richard, N9NAI - Bill, KC9EEC - Brian, and KB9IBW - Emery were the operators. We worked several stations on HF, and Echo-link. We allowed members of the WWII Rangers to listen and talk over the radio, and they were impressed with our efforts. We were also able to meet with the members of the Silverwings Parachute team from Fort Benning, GA. They also spoke over the Amateur Bands, and exchanged greetings with W7HYD - Bob Huson retired Navy in The State of Washington. The Silverwings jumped and demonstrated what they do during a deployment. The Museum also dedicated a memorial to the group, which can be seen at the Museum.



Our biggest highlight of the day was a surprise audience with the Deputy Secretary of the Veterans Administration, Gordon Mansfield. He chatted with us and thanked us for providing Amateur Radio at this event. He also asked several questions about our group and took our web site address and an ARMAD T-Shirt as a gift from our group.

The Museum staff was also impressed with ARMAD, and Ham Radio as a whole, and asked us to work with them again in the future.

Thanks to all who helped at such short notice, and made our presence a success during such an historic event. We are here to promote Amateur Radio, and to provide a public service.

Sincerely;  
Emery  
KB9IBW



## Exams - continued from pg. 9

14-Oct-2004  
Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: LYLE L LONG  
(574)875-8455  
Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
HOMAN BUILDING  
GREENCROFT BLVD  
GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR  
GOSHEN, IN 46525

06-Nov-2004  
Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL  
(260)485-3995  
Email: WD9HII@ARRL.NET  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location: BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS  
8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

27-Nov-2004  
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
Contact: WALTER C VOGEL  
(419)394-2976  
Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA OFFICE  
1220 LINCOLN HWY  
VAN WERT, OH 45891

## Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_-4 Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$6.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Regular membership                | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year |
| Family membership <sup>1</sup>    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 / year |
| Student membership <sup>2</sup>   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |
| Associate membership <sup>3</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year |
| Mailed newsletter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

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|--|---|
| Regular membership                     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year |
| Additional family members <sup>1</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |
| Student membership <sup>2</sup>        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |
| Associate membership <sup>3</sup>      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.  
PO Box 10342  
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

### ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority  
147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority\*  
443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use  
146.94 (-) General use with autopatch  
146.91 (-) Autopatch only  
444.875 (+) General use  
ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

**IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

**Auburn:** meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

**21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

**Helping Hands Net:** Mondays @ 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

### Miscellaneous Nets

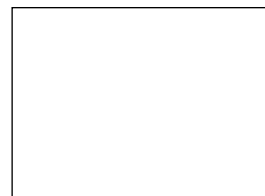
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)



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TO:



## Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
9/13/04	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
9/14/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/17/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
9/21/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/1/04		deadline for Oct. ACHN items	
10/4/04	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
10/5/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/12/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/15/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
10/19/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/5/04		deadline for Nov. ACHN items	
11/7/04	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
11/9/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/9/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/13-14/04		Fort Wayne Hamfest	Colliseum